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FACULTY SENATE

January 15, 1984

PRESENT: Sutton, Searle, Sullivan, Morice, Coon, Reed, Stevens, Perkins, Stoughton, Miller, Nordin, Ozier, Heumann, Smith.

ABSENT: Norberg.

VISITORS: James Lyles, Admissions Counselor; John Beacon, Director of Admissions; Norman Ware, Managing and Marketing; Jaime Maya, Zoology; Mike Loudon, English; Mona Davenport, Paul Robison, Bradley Gibson, Pam Jones, Vicki Ware, Melanie Brown, Bahbara Boykin, student guest speakers; Michelle Long, student senator; Joni Taylor, Paul Klatt (Eastern News).

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. A copy of correspondence from L. Thorsen to the Library Advisory Board.
2. A copy of correspondence from R. Gholson, Chairman of Library Advisory Board, to President Rives.
3. A copy of correspondence from President Rives to R. Gholson, supporting an allocation of extra funds to the Booth Library Book and Periodical Purchasing Budget.
4. Letter from L. Goodman-Malamutz, GSU, announcing BOG meeting at GSU on January 17, 1985.
5. Minutes from COTE, Dec. 11, 1984; CGS, Dec. 11, 1984; CAA, Dec. 13, 1984.
6. Letter from Calvin B. Campbell, Director of Academic Assistance Center, supporting the Senate resolution concerning student evaluation of university services, but pointing out that "caution must be exercised in the wording of the test instrument."

Sullivan moved, seconded by Reed, that the minutes of December 11, 1984 be approved as amended. Motion passed unanimously.

Corrections: page 30, item 1: AFT should be UPI/AFT.

page 32, item 2: Dean of Student Academic Development should be Dean of Academic Development.

page 32, item 3, number 30: should be Alumni Services.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Declining Minority Student Enrollment: Paul Robison, President of the Black Student Union and other student guest speakers were asked to discuss the issue of declining minority student enrollment. The discussion continued at some length, as visiting faculty and Faculty Senators also addressed the issue. Points of interest follow:

- a. Paul Robison noted that the lack of on-campus housing for minority students is a problem for many of them. He suggested financial support for the Black Student Union, a mandatory orientation process for all new students and an examination of the academic dismissal policy. He also noted that the majority of minority faculty are not directly involved with problems of minority students.

- b. Vicki Ware thought a Study Skills Seminar should be mandatory for all incoming minority students and that a minority counselor would be a welcome addition.
- c. Jim Lyles pointed out that he is currently writing a minority student handbook. John Beacon noted that application blanks, housing applications and applications for financial aid will be available in packet form within the near future.
- d. Pam Jones thought Eastern should study how other universities maintain support systems for minority students. She also expressed a need for faculty more sympathetic and capable of dealing with the problems of minority students. She questioned the abilities of many dorm counselors and resident assistants, particularly their understanding of problems that minority students encounter. She suggested seminars for faculty to discuss conscious and unconscious attitudes to minority students.
- e. Mike Loudon, English, thought the entire student population should receive education in the study of non-caucasian culture.
- f. In response to the question why they remained at Eastern, the student guest speakers offered a variety of reasons: a warm reception from active minority students, the Black Student Union, good instructors, small size of campus, and dormitory life.
- g. At the next meeting, Senators will suggest proposals and resolutions.

2. Summer School: Perkins reported that he and Ozier met with Chuck Switzer several times to discuss the Senate's concerns with summer school. Perkins mentioned that their discussion included possible methods of increasing summer school enrollment; a better recruitment program, such as letters to incoming freshman; the addition of night classes; departmental promotion of programs and courses; a more effective pre-registration program; the institution of the summer guest student program; the creation of contingent summer school contracts based on final enrollment; the analysis of surveys of students who do not attend summer school.

New Business:

1. Coon moved, seconded by Sullivan, that the Faculty Senate express thanks, on behalf of the entire faculty to John Beacon, departing Director of Admissions, for his years of excellent service to Eastern Illinois University and the level of leadership he displayed while here. Further, that the Faculty Senate wish to John Beacon the greatest success in his new position. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Miller moved, seconded by Sullivan, that the Faculty Senate strongly supports the recent action of the Library Advisory Board to increase funds for Booth Library Book and Periodical Purchasing Budget for FY 1986. We consider maintenance and expansion of the library collection as essential to the academic viability of the university and its program. Motion passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Nordin moved, seconded by Stoughton, to go into executive session. Motion passed unanimously. Nordin moved, seconded by Sullivan, to come out of executive session. Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 4:07 p.m. The next meeting of the Faculty Senate will be at 2:00 p.m. on January 22 in the Martinsville Room.

Secretary,
Bill Searle